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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: TAMBAO MINING RAILROAD

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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RESPONDS TO USDOC REQUEST
FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON TAMBAO PROJECT.

2. VARIETY OF FIRMS/ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DONE
ENGINEERING/FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON TAMBAO MANGANESE
PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED RAILROAD. FIRST SUCH REPORT
WAS DONE IN 1968 BY PRIVATE FIRM, NEDECO, UNDER
CONTRACT WITH UNDP. PROJECT DESIGN OF FIRST SECTION
OF RAILROAD FROM OUAGADOUGOU TO KAYA WAS DONE IN
1971 BY FRENCH COMPANY, OTAM (OMINIUM TECHNIQUE
D'AMENAGEMENT). REMAINING SECTION OF RAILROAD --
KAYA TO TAMBAO -- HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF THREE
STUDIES FIRST OF WHICH BEGAN IN 1974:

A) MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
(ASSISTED BY UNDP GRANT) DID REPORT ON GEO-
TECHNICAL ASPECTS;

B) RAN RAILROAD (REGIE ABIDJAN-NIGER) SURVEYED
ALIGNMENT;

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C) RAN AND PRIVATE FRENCH FIRM, BCEON, WERE

RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC/ENGINEERING PART.
LATTER STUDY HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED. UNFORTUNATELY,
TAMBAO OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL
COPIES OF ABOVE VOLUMINOUS REPORTS. EMBASSY
SUGGESTS INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS CONTACT IBRD OR
UNDP HEADQUARTERS FOR COPIES OF DOCUMENTS.

3. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, PROBLEM OF PORT OUTLET
APPEARS TO BE SOLVED. VOLTAN DELEGATION
CONSISTING OF MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY
AND MINES ZOMA, ACCOMPANIED BY TAMBAO PROJECT
DIRECTOR OUEDRAOGO AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY
OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT, WAS IN ABIDJAN FIRST
WEEK OF JUNE TO DISCUSS ABIDJAN PORT FACILITIES.
ACCORDING TO OUEDRAOGO, GOIC HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE
SPACE FOR MINERAL QUAY. NEW SITE WILL REQUIRE
CONSTRUCTION OF 22 KM RAILROAD SPUR FROM MAINLINE.
OUEDRAOGO SAID IVORIANS HAVE GIVEN ASSURANCES
THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY 1976,
WITH COMPLETION OF FACILITY SET FOR ONE YEAR
LATER.

4. EMBASSY FORWARDING ADDITIONAL COPY OF
REQUALIFICATION DOCUMENT TO USDOC (OIM/AF).
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS 31 JULY 1975.
COMPANIES SHOULD CONTACT OFFICE GENERAL DES
PROJETS DE TAMBAO, BP 12, OUAGADOUGOU, UPPER
VOLTA. BIDS SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN AUGUST WITH
FINAL SELECTION MADE IN NOVEMBER.

5. FYI.OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN SUPPLIERS OF
LOCOMOTIVES AND ROLLING STOCK DO NOT APPEAR TOO
PROMISING AT THE MOMENT. OUEDRAOGO INDICATED
THAT RAN WILL LIKELY PUSH FOR STANDARZATION
OF LOCOMOTIVES (FRENCH CEM MODEL, 1800HP
PRESENTLY USED). GOUV WILL PROBABLY GIVE
FIRST PREFERENCE FOR SUPPLY OF ORE CARS TO NEW
LOCAL FIRM, SAFI, WHICH JUST TURNED OUT ITS
FIRST CAR END OF MAY. END FYI.
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